

**Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) Pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof, comprising one or more surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxides wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

a silanized structure-modified silica having alkylsilyl groups which are octylsilyl and/or hexadecylsilyl attached to said silica, and having the following physiochemical properties:

BET surface area	25-400 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Average primary particle size	5-50 nm
pH value	3-10
Carbon content	0.1-25% .

2. (Previously Presented) Method of improving the flowability of pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof, comprising adding to the pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof one or more surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxides wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

a silanized structure-modified silica having alkylsilyl groups which are octylsilyl and/or hexadecylsilyl attached to said silica, and having the following physiochemical properties:

BET surface area	25-400 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Average primary particle size	5-50 nm
pH value	3-10
Carbon content	0.1-25%.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A composition of matter comprising at least one pulverulent material which is a fire-extinguishing powder and at least one surface-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

a silanized structure-modified silica having alkylsilyl groups which are octylsilyl and/or hexadecylsilyl attached to said silica, and having the following physiochemical properties:

BET surface area	25-400 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Average primary particle size	5-50 nm
pH value	3-10
Carbon content	0.1-25%.

5.-14. (Cancelled)